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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES**

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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 1, 2002

Darlene L. Cox  
Chief Executive Officer  
East Orange General Hospital  
300 Central Avenue  
East Orange, NJ 07019

Re: Notice of Proposed Assessment of  
Penalties for East Orange General  
Hospital

Dear Ms. Cox:

N.J.A.C. 8:31B-4.6(c) requires hospitals to submit current costs and financial data, including audited financial statements, to the Department of Health and Senior Services (Department). Under that regulation, the required data must be submitted by June 30th of the following year. For CY2000, the Department due date is June 30, 2001. Late submission of the required data will result in a penalty for each working day past the appropriate submission date. A fine of \$100 per working day will be assessed by the Department for late submission of the Acute Care Hospital Cost Reports, under N.J.A.C. 8:31B-3.3(c). A separate fine of \$100 per working day will be assessed for late submission of the Acute Care Hospital audited Financial Statements.

The Department has a direct interest in timely receipt of hospital financial data, including audited financial statements. As recognized in New Jersey's certificate of need legislation, the Department plays a central role in monitoring the viability of health care services. Only with the most reliable financial information available, including audited financial statements, can the Department properly carry out its statutory oversight responsibilities.

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Since the Department did not receive your hospital's 2000 audited financial statement until October 19, 2001, a penalty of \$7,700 is being imposed for the period from July 1, 2001 to August 19, 2001, or 77 working days past the submission deadline. Please send a check made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey" in the amount of \$7,700 to:

New Jersey Department of Health  
and Senior Services  
Health Care Financing Systems  
225 East State Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor East Wing  
P.O. Box 360  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0360  
Attn.: John Hazel

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2H-9, you may contest this proposed penalty assessment by giving written notice to this Department of your desire for a hearing before the Office of Administrative Law. This penalty may be held in abeyance until such time as the hearing has been concluded and a final decision rendered. A request for such a hearing must be submitted to this office within 30 days after the date of this letter and should be forwarded to:

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services  
Office of Legal and Regulatory Affairs  
P.O. Box 360, Room 805  
Trenton, New Jersey 08605-0360  
Attn.: Mrs. Carole Slimm

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. John Hazel, HERS-I, Health Care Financing Systems, at (609) 292-8710.

FOR: Clifton R. Lacy, M.D.  
Commissioner

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